THE LATE CORNELIUS VAN-DERBILT OWES NEW YORK CITY \$16,184,250.

(From the Evening Journal.)

Cornelius Vanderbilt has been dead for a good many months, and it is permissible to call attention to an interesting fact concerning him. The fact to be mentioned does not necessarily attack the belief that only good should be spoken of the dead.

We merely show that Mr .Vanderbilt did as it done by the vast majority of very rich men, when year after year he deliberately avoided paying what he owed to the city. owed to the city.

You all know that investigation proves Cornelius to have died possessed of more than fifty millions of personal property.

Some of you may not know that during his lifetime he paid taxes on four hundred thousand dollars of personal property.

property.

Please tolerate a little bit of arith-

Mr. Vanderbilt had paid his fair and full share of taxes, at an average tax rate of one and one-half per cent. he must have paid \$750,000 annually to the public funds, to schools, lightening the burden of honest taxpayers.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Inherited his fortune from his father, Will H. Vanderbilt, fifteen years ago, the en years ago his personal prope exceeded its present sum, for much it has since been invested in real

tate.

Had Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt paid his taxes during that period of fifteen years on fifty millions only, they would have amounted in that time, figuring interest at 5 per cent. compounded, to sixteen millions, one hundred and eighty-four thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars.

That sum has been withheld from the city by Cornelius Vanderbilt. Similar sums are withheld by many men of

sums are withheld by many men of great wealth.

Those sixteen millions, now in the pockets of a lad barely out of his teens, belong by right to this city.

They would have built all the schools that are lacking, and many more.

They will never be collected, of course. We do not do business in that

A brother of Cornelius Vanderbilt shared with Cornelius the late William H.'s fortune. That brother, now living, is worth at the very least fifty millions of personal property.

He is not paying taxes on that sum.

And he will not pay taxes on that sum.

Sum.

sum.

If a man is buying a house for his family on the installment plan, struggling to feed his children and at the same time to provide a permanent home for them. His little house pays taxes with perfect regularity.

But the man with the fifty millions in bonds and stocks escapes.

That is how we manage in this country of equal rights.

We have suggested reform commit-tees from the bottom to investigate criminals at the top of the social lad-der.

der.
What do you think of this wholesale criminal evasion of taxes as a subject for investigation by a committee from New York's East Side?
Why not have a dozen honest householders, payers of honest taxes, take up the question of tax-dodging and perjury by the very rich?

In Germany, if a rich man cheats the tax collector during his lifetime, he knows that punishment will come to his heirs after his death.

Let a man lie about the amount of his income in Germany, where they collect an income tax, and when he dies this humanens:

The truth comes out. The taxes evaded are collected with heavy penalties and with compound interest attached. So thoroughly is this system carried out that had Cornelius Vanderbitt died in Germany as he did here it is not probable that one-quarter of his property would have gone to his heirs. They have ideas of honesty and of public duty over there.

But this is not Germany. More's the pity. truth comes out. The

pity.

This is the rich man's heaven, and it

needs some real reform committees without too much loss of time. What do you think about it, Mr. Reader?

Is this anarchy, or is it common sense?

A THICK FOG.

IN WHICH SEVERAL VESSELS WENT AGROUND.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—A thick fog which prevailed along the Delaware which prevailed along the Delaware river and the Atlantic coast from yesterday until noon today caused a complete cessation of navigation and resulted in several vessels going aground. The British tank steamer Phosphor, Captain Harris, from this city for Christianiana with a full cargo of petroleum ran aground near Thompson's Point just below this city. She is lying in an easy position. It is probable that her cargo will have to be lightered. The schooner Gertrude L. Trundy, Captain Dodge, from Philadelphia for Cardenas, grounded in the Shears, near the Delaware Breakwater, but was subsequently floated.

An unknown schooner, believed to be a small coasting vessel, is reported ashore at Ocean City.

War Craft Launched(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
East Braintree, Mass., Dec. 24.—The torpedo boat destroyer McDonough was launched at the works of the Fore River Iron Company today amid the ringing of belis and the blowing of whistles. Mrs. Lucy Charlotte McDonough Reade, of Philadelphia, christened the vessel with champagne. The new boat was taken down the river to the Quincy works of the company.

Welcome to "Bobs."
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's
departure for de Asar would be sufficient to explain the absence of official

riews.

Elaborate preparations are being made to give Lord Roberts a popular welcome January 3d. Ten thousand troops will be gathered in London to line the route to Buckingham palace.

Cape Colony Invasion.

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(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, Dec. 25.—"We learn," says the Daily Mail, "that the reports of the serious situation in Cape Colony are fully confirmed. The invading Boers are receiving much assistance from the Cape Dutch. Railway communication between Cape Town and the North is almost entirely severed, partly by Roer operations and partly by rains,"

WASHINGTON'S NAME IN THE

Republics are ungrateful, but ours, its best-loved son Still keeps in memory green and wreathes the name of Washing-

wreathes the name of Washington,
As year by year returns the day that saw the patriot's birth
With boom of gun and beat of drum and peals of joy and mirth,
And songs of children in the streets and march of men-at-arms,
We honor pay to him who stood serene 'mid war's alarms;
And with his ragged volunteers long kept the foe at bay.
And bore the flag to yictory in many a

And bore the flag to victory in many a battle's day.

ere a little nation then, so mighty That scarce would Washington believe

to-day we were his own With ships that sail on every sea, and

with ships that sail on every sea, and sons in every port,
And harvest-fields to feed the world, wherever food is short.
And if at council board our chiefs are now discreet and wise,
And if to great estate and high our farmers' lad may rise,
We owe a debt to him who set the fashion of our fame,
And never more may we forget our loftlest hero's name.

Great knightly soul who came in time to serve his country's need.
To serve her with the timely word and with the vailant deed.
Along the ages brightening as endless cycles run
Undimmed and gaining lustre in the twentieth century sun.
First in our Hall of Fame we write the name all folk may ken.
As first in war, and first in peace, first with his countrymen.
MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

with his countrymen.
MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

A MURDEROUS ROW.

A MAN KILLED AT AN ITALIAN DANCE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) York, Dec. 24.-An Italian dance at Mamaroneck, N. Y., which was started last night as a Christmas celebration, ended this morning in a murderous row, one man being killed outright, another so badly stabbed that he is expected to die and several others receiving bad wounds. The scene of the tragedy was the "Foot and a Half House"

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From what can be learned the row was started by Antoni Dori. Yeto Naragiano was waltzing around the dance hall with a young woman who had refused to dance with Dori. The latter followed them about the hall ridiculing their dancing and making himself generally disagreeable to them. Naragiano replied to his taunts, and Dori challenged him to a duel. The dance was stopped immediately.

Naragiano and Dori started outside, followed by all the revellers and the musicians left their instruments on the floor. The latter made a plunge at Naragiano and drove his stiletto deep into the man's breast. Naragiano fired twice. One shot tore open Dori's arm and the other struck Antonio Guiseppi, one of the musicians. In the eye, the bullet penetrating the brain. This immediately precipitated a general fight. When the Halton had fought themselves tired Chieppi and Naragiano were helpless on the ground, Dominco Chippi and Guiseppi Cortez were bleeding from many cuts.

Guiseppi, the musician, died tonight and Naragiano is still unconscious.

After the fight there was a general flight of Italians from the town, and as but litte information can be obtained no arrests have been made yet.

STEEL TRUST DAMAGED.

CAR WORKS AT JOLIET BURNED DOWN.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Joliet, Ill., Dec. 24.—Fire today almost completely destroyed the plant of the Fox Pressed Steel Car Works, one

the Fox Pressed Steel Car Works, one of the most extensive manufacturing institutions in this city.

The costly machinery contained in the factory was severely damaged and the total loss is estimated to be above \$100,000, with only \$9,800 insurance. The institution belongs to the Steel Trust, with branches in other localities, and it is feared that the plant will not be rebuilt here. Two hundred men will be thrown out of work.

A Young Man Kidnapped. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Kalamagao Mich Dec 24 Hober

Clayberg, a 17-year-old boy, whose father, John B. Clayberg, is a prominent citizen of Helena, Mon., was kidnapped in this city last night by two men. The boy was blindfolded and compelled to walk to Mattawan, a distance of eleven miles. It became so stormy that the, kidnappers released young Clayberg at Mattawan after relieving him of the small sum of money he had in his pockets. The boy telegraphed here for help and was brought home during the night. The sheriff and a force of deputies have been working on the case since Clayberg's return. a 17-year-old boy, whose

Schooner From Norfolk Disabled.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Vineyard Haven, Mass, Dec. 24.—The schooner Dreadnaught, from Norfolk for Lynn, at this port, reports having experienced easterly gales off Absecom on the 21st instant, during which she carried away jibboom, guys and split some of her sails.

"News Butchers" Abollshed-

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Cleveland, O., Deć. 24.—Orders have been issued abolishing the train boys, or "news butchers" on all trains of the Eric Railroad system west of Salamanca, N. Y., after midnight December 31st, and on all lines east of that point after midnight January 31st.

GEOGRAPHY OF BACTERIOLOGY.

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"Pat, kin you tell me about the little animals that git into our bodies an' give us disease?"

"Sure, Molke, it is meself that kin tell you all bout 'em."

"Then tell me where ye git 'em and what ye call 'em."

"What yes call 'em depinds on where ye git 'em. If yes git 'em in France they are Farisites; if yes git 'em in Germany; they are germs; and if y'es get 'en in Old Ireland they are callel Mikerobes."—Exchange.

ANCIENT MODISTE'S BILLS. ANCIENT MODISTE'S BILLS.

A French antiquarian has brought to light some interesting dressmaker's bills of the ladies of Napoleon's court. They are from the account books of Leroy, the Worth of his time in matters of dress and a bad fellow generally, but an undisputed arbiter of taste in feminine raiment. It appears that Josephine's yearly bill was about \$30,000, and this was a greater amount than Marie Louise, or Queen Hortense, dared or desired to spend.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Former Conventions Held in the State of Virginia and the Prospects of the Future

(From the Evening Times, of Newport

-First One Ever Assembled.

Probably no man in the city of Newport News, and, in fact, few in the State of Virginia, are more thoroughly posted on the subject of the Constitutional convention than is Colonel Maryus Jones, the well-known attorney of this city. At the request of the Evening Times, Colonel Jones has prepared an article on the subject, which is given below, which will doubtless be read with the greatest interest. It covers not only the future, but all the conventions ever held in Virginia, including the first constitutional convention ever held, and is very instructive as a matter of history, as well as being intensely interesting at this time. Colonel Jones' article follows:

THE CONSTITUTIOAL CONVEN-

The complex system of a Federal government, or, to speak more exactly, of the government of Federal States, is, when the checks and balances are properly adopted and kept so, the nearest of perfection of all human governments. It is founded on the immutable principles like the law of the universe, that equal forces operating in adverse directions will produce stability. in adverse directions will produce sta-bility.

The State governments are denomi-

The State governments are denominated governments of unlimited powers—that is to say, the State governments can exercise any power which it is not prohibited from exercising by the State Constitution and by the Federal Constitution—while the Federal government is a government of limited powers—that is to say, it can exercise no power that is not expressly or by plain implication granted to it by the States in the Federal Constitution; and so the power granted by the Federal Constitution; and so the power granted by the Federal Constitution may be denominated the political centrifugal force (or the force in feeling from the centre), and the powers not granted but retained by the States the centripetal force (or the force impelling to the centre), and if these two forces are kept in exact equal intensity, we will have absolute stability in the government. We have deemed the reference to the foregoing fundamental principle as timely, for, as we are taught in that great (if not greater) State paper, the Virgina Bill of Rights, "That no free government or the blessings of liberty can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles,"

On the 6th day of May, 1776, there met in the old city of Williamsburg the first constitutional convention in the history of the world—the first convention, that by a written constitution, placed limitations upon the exercise of power by a

onstitutional convention in the history of the world—the first convention, that by a written constitution, placed limitations upon the exercise of power by a State government. It is true it was not chosen for that specific purpose alone, but it was a convention of sovereign powers, with no limitation upon its powers, and the duty of the hour, taught by a bitter experience, was to secure the liberities of the people against the encroachments of a tyranical government. The storm cloud of war had gathered over the thirteen colonies, and many and dire were the forebodings of the particle, as they saw that it must inevitably burst upon their beloved-State. There were men gathered of the present of the particle of the patriots of all countries and all ages. Patrick ered there whose names have become household words in their own country, and an inspiration to the patriots of all countries and all ages. Patrick Henry, whose blazing star was now reaching its zenith, was there: George Mason, the profound philosophic thinker and the author of the Virginia Fill of Rights, was there: Jumes Madison, the exact logician, who was soon to exhibit his marvelous powers on a still larger field, was there, and Thomas Jefferson, if not the greatest, easily primus interpares, the great apostle of civil and religious liberty and of human rights, was there. From such a body, guided by such leaders, there came the first written constitution ever devised by man, and from their hands Virginia sprang, like Minerva, from the head of Jove, fully armed among the free States of the world.

There were other men such as Caribald Cary in that body, who have impressed upon our State their greatness and noblity of soul. But time and space would fall to tell of all their deeds—their names and fame are a sacred heritage of the old commonwealth and will be cherished as long as human being aspire for human rights.

On the 22d day of June, 1776, the first written constitution, famed by an independent political society, was unanimously adopted.

"Under this constitution the people of Vierita lived in fractions."

"Under this constitution the people of Virginia lived in freedom and happiness for fifty years."

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ness for lifty years."

The second constitutional convention met in the city of Richmond on the 5th day of October, 1829. With the probable exception of the State convention, which adopted the Federal constitution, it was the greatest body of men that ever met in a deliberative assembly. Washington, Jefferson and Mason had joined the "silent majority," but John Marshall, the unrivalled jurist, and James Madison were there. The venerable ex-President James Munroe was there. And there, too, flashed the erratle, but brilliant, light of the genius of John Randolph, of Roanoke. There, too, was John Tyler, in the 23d year of his age. But the men who showed that time had furnished worthy successors to their illustrious predecessors were such men as Phillip Dohnridge, Robert R. Taylor, John R. Cooke, Chase F. Mercer, Chapman Johnson, Alexander Campbell, William H. Fitzhugh, Briscoe G. Baldwin, Benjamin Watkins Leigh, Abel P. Upshur, William B. Giles, Robert Stanard, Philip P. Barbour, John Scott and Thomas R. Joyner.

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The constitution of 1829-30 was finally adopted on the 14th day of January, 1830. It was a great compromise measure between Eastern and Western Virginia, and under its benign and beneficent provisions the State flourished for twenty years.

On the 14th day of October, 1850, the great "reform convention" met in the great "reform convention of great intellectual proportions, was its president. The election of the Governor by the people, the abolition of the Privy Council and the adoption of white manhood suffrage were its distinguishing features.

The convention of 1861, commonly called the secession convention, made will go down in history as a body of patriots who, for the second time in history, dared to beard gyranny against overwhelming edds.

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from its perverse and disloyal blunders would be classed in history among the monumental farces. And now we come in our rapid survey to the convention of 1868. Most of the Virginians now living never lived under any other constitution. In the place of the great Marshail sat the rapacious Underwood. Hunnicut and Buyne disgraced the places once occupied by Henry and Jefferson. It is said that the constitution they framed is a copy of the New York constitution. It is surely not adapted to the needs of a sparsely settled State like Virginia. Its distinguishing feature is, as might have been expected from such a body, the number of officers it created. The smallest county must have thirty-five officers! And the strangest thing of all is that Virginians should have been content to live under it for thirty-six years.

In a few months another constitutional convention will meet. Of what sort of material will it be composed? The answer to the question will depend on whether men are to be chosen with reference to their fitness, or whether we are to descend to the low plane of availability. There is no lack of good material in the State. We do not need a long constitution; the shorter and more comprehensive its provisions the better. The restriction of the suffrage, the organization of the judiciary and the county governments, the preservation of the overshadow-ling questions which will engage the attention of the convention.

Virginians should be mindful of the greatness of the men who have framed all her organic laws (except the presenct constitution) and elect men to the coming convention whose soul recommendation is their fitness to frame a proper constitution for the State. It would be a sad catastrophe to frame a constitution which would be declared and constitution which would be declared and constitution which would be declared.

net constitution) and elect men to the coming convention whose soul recommendation is their fitness to frame a proper constitution for the State. It would be a sad catastrophe to frame a constitution which would be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States because it conflicts with some provision of the Federal constitution. Great constitutional questions will, of necessity, have to be considered by the convention. The last Democratic State convention held in Norfolk seems to have declared for what is commonly called the "grandafther's clause," that is, that suffrage shall be limited by an educational qualification, provided no person shall be thereby disqualified whose father or grandfather could vote in 1867. This clause may be obnoxious to the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States. The question has never been passed upon. The Hon. William A. Anderson, in his splendid address before the Virginia Bar Association, made a valuable suggestion, worthy of the greatest consideration, viz., not only to except from the operation of the disfranchising clause the voters of 1867 and their descendants, but also all chizens of the State, and their descendants, who have heretofore been soldiers and sallors in the military service of Virginia, or of the United States, in time of actual war. The probabilities are thait this would remove any contention that the "grandafther's clause" was obnoxious to any provision of the Federal constitution.

Let us, then, send men to the convention whose sole aim will be to promote the grandeur, glory and material welfare of the grand old Commonwealth.

THE WHARF OF DREAMS.

Herewith we publish a new poem entitled "The Wharf of Dreams," by Edward Markham, author of the world-famous poem "The Man With the Hoe." The poem is as follows:

"Strange wares are handled on the wharves of sleep;
Shadows of shadows pass, and many a light
Flashes a single fire across the night;

Barges depart whose voiceless steers

men keep
Their way without a spar upon the deep:
And from lost ships, homing with ghostly crews,
Come cries of incommunicable news,
While cargoes pile the piers, a moon-white heap—
Budgets of dream dust, merchandise of song,

While cargoes pile the piers, a moonwhite heap—
Budgets of dream dust, merchandise of song,
Wreckage of hope and packs of ancient wrong,
Nepenthes gathered from a secret stard,
Fardels of heartache, burdens of old sins.
Luggage sent down from dim ancestrations.

Luggage sent down from dim ancestrations.

Luggage sent down from Man's
Land."

Death of Scout Bennett(By Telegraph to Virginlan-Pilot.)
Honolulu, Dec. 17, via San Franciso, Dec. 24.—Frank P. Bennett, the well known American scout, committed suicide here by shooting himself in the head last Thursday. His suicide followed the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, an intimate friend. Bennett was an Indian fighter of national reputation, having been one of three survivors of the famous company of which Buffalo Bill is best known, and having taken a prominent part in running the Apache Geronimo to earth. Miss Schneider was a domestic in the family of Paul Neumann.

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BERKLEY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

JUDGE FAVILLE DEAD.

Career of Honor and Usefulness Ended Sunday Morning.

Death of Mr. George H. Kirby-The Town in Darkness Again-Escaped Convict

Judge A. S. Faville died Sunday morning at 11:30 at the family residence, corner of Berkley avenue and Fourth street, after a long itness. He was about 78 years of age and leaves a widow, three sons—Dr. Geo, C. Faville, Atlantic City ward, Norfolk; Mr. Fred F. Faville, attorney-at-law, Storm Lake, Iowa; Mr. A. S. Faville, Jr., bookkeeper and cashier of the Belt Line Union Stock Yards, of this place—one daughter—Miss Faville, of Berkley—and three brothers—Messrs, Martin and Minor Faville, of lowa, and Mr. Charles Faville, of New York—two sisters—Mrs. T. W. Thurston, Albert Lee, Minn., and Mrs. H. H. Burrington, Waverly, Iowa.

The deceased was born in Manheim, Herkinner county, N. Y., and attended school at Cazenovia Seminary, New York, and Poultney, Vt. From thence he went to California and Australia during the gold fever, remaining two years in each. From the latter place he went to lowa and was one of the pioneer settlers in 1855. He taught the first Sunday school in Mitchell county, where he became active in public affairs. He held successively the offices of county surveyor, probate judge, auditor and treasurer, and subsequently represented Mitchell and Howard counties in the Thirteenth General Assembly. He was a brother of the Hon. Orian Faville, first Lleutenant-Governor of Iowa, who was also a pioneer settler.

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The deceased was a member of the Congregational church and the Masonic fraternity. The funeral was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., of Epworth M. E. church, Norfolk, and Rev. W. A. Slaymaker, of the Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian church, this place, officiating. The remains were interred in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers; Dr. Heistand, Captain Payne, Captain Henry Ellingsworth, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Amory, all of Norfolk.

MR. GEO. H. KIRBY DEAD.

Mr. Geo. H. Kirby, perhaps one among the best known citizens of the town, died Sunday night about 10 o'clock after two months' illness of paralysis of the brain. He was in the 54th year of his age and leaves a widow, five sons and one daughter, a.

54th year of his age and leaves a widow, five sons and one daughter, a brother, Mr. William H. Kirby; two sisters, Mrs. John R. Hathaway and Mrs. M. Herbert. He was foreman at L. C. Jones' marine railway, which position he had held for 22 years. He was born in Norfolk, but had been a resident of Berkley 51 years. He was a consistent member of the Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian church and was superintendent of the Sunday school Memorial Presbyterian church and was superintendent of the Sunday school until a few days ago, when, because of his inability to attend, a successor was elected. He was also a member of Berkley Lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M. The funeral will be conducted from the Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The remains will be interred in Magnolia cemetery. The Masons

o'clock. The remains will be interred in Magnolia cemetery. The Masons will turn out in a body.

TOWN IN DARKNESS.

The hour for worship for all the churches of the town was very dark Sunday night, the electric lights refusing to do their functions. The town was in darkness from a few minutes past 6 to 8 o'clock, the electric cable between Norfolk and Berkley having burned in two about midway of the

bride's parents, in the South Norfolk Park.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.
There will be a Christmas tree at the Berea Christian church, near Great Bridge, tonight at 8 o'clock.

The church has been beautifully decorated with evergreens, and two trees have been arranged near the pulpit, between which a chimney has been erected, out of which old Santa Claus will make his appearance. In addition a highly interesting program has been arranged by Miss Willie Hall and others. The event promises to be one of much pleasure to all.

FRAME TENEMENT BURNED.

A double tenement frame house occupled by Pattic Skinner and other colored people near old Market Hall, was burned down last night at 8 o'clock. A big portion of the furnishings were entirely lost. The house belonged to Mr. Geo. T. Tilley. Loss about three or four hundred dollars. The fire department responded, but too late to save the building.

BRIEF MENTION.

The case of Henry Robertson and John Ed. Price, both colored, came up

before Mayor Keeling yesterday morning. Robertson was sent on to the grand jury and Price was dismissed. A woman, claiming to be his wife, was the cause of the disturbance.

Rev. E. M. Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, N. C., is here on a visk to his family.

Rev. W. Asbury Christian, pastor of the Memorial M. E. church, left yesterday for Madison C. H. for his family. They are expected to return Friday.

Miss Annie Glasser gave a very enjoyable "chanuca" party at her home on Liberty street Sunday night.

There will be a consecration service at the Main Street Christian church tonight at 7:30 o'clock, preparatory to a revival to begin about the first of the year. The pastor requests all who are interested to be present.

Mr. J. M. Roberts, the manager, has received the tariff book for the new telegraph office and is now ready for any business.

Miss Tessie Wilson, of Smithfield.

egraph office and is now ready for any business.

Miss Tessie Wilson, of Smithfield, and the Misses Elsie and Georgie Mo-nell, of Suffolk, are guests of Mrs. J. A. McCloud, in South Norfolk.

Master Vernon McCloud is home from Reaford Institute, North Caro-lina.

from Reaford Institute, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of Washington, are here on a visit to their parents.

Miss Marion A. Kngiht, who holds a position of music instructor in the vocal department of Rawlings Institute, Charlottesville, is spending the holidays with Mrs. S. M. Wood and daughters, on Main street.

Mrs. S. N. Fuller and child are visiting her parents at Hampton.

Messrs. H. M. and, W. Jacocks are home from school.

Mr. Frank M. Rudd of New York, is here to spend a week with his parents, Mr. C. W. Rockafeller, of Georgetown, S. C., is home with his family on Berkley avenue.

Mr. J. O. Wiggs, Sr., is visiting his son, Mr. J. O. Wiggs, Jr., on Ivey street.

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BERKLEY ADVTS.

Secretary's Office
Berkley, Va., December 25, 1900.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF
BERKLEY LODGE No. 167.
A. F. & A. M., will be held THIS
(Tuesday) AFTERNOON at 2
o clock, for the purpose of paying
the last sad tribute of respect of
our deceased Brother, GEO, H. KIRBY.
All Master Masons in good standing ard
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Virginia, for ail or any part of \$40,000 5
per cent. General Improvement Bonds, in
denomination of \$1,000 each, said bonds to
run for 30 years without option. Bids will
close at 12 o'clock m. THURSDAY, December 27th, 1900.
The successful bidder will be required
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awarded.
The right is reserved to reject any or
all bids.

C. L. OLD,

C. L. OLD. Town Recorder.

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